

BAKER AT PERSHING HEADQUARTERS, PRAISES HIM AND STAFF

Italy and other Ministers, with their military and expert advisers.

COUNCIL'S STATEMENT TELLS OF GERMANY'S CRIMES.

The Council's statement, which is issued through the Foreign Office, says:

"The Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers of the Entente assembled in London feel it to be their bounden duty to take note of the political crimes which under the name of a German peace have been committed against the Russian people. Russia was unarméd. Forgetting that for four years Germany had been fighting against the independence of nations and the rights of mankind, the Russian Government, in a mood of singular credulity, expected to obtain by persuasion that 'democratic peace' which it had failed to obtain by war."

"The results were that the intermediate armistice had not expired before the German command, though pledged not to alter the disposition of its troops, transferred them en masse to the western front, and so weak did Russia find herself that she dared to raise no protest against this flagrant violation of Germany's pledged word."

"What followed was of like character, when the 'German peace' was translated into action. It was found to involve the invasion of Russian territory, the destruction or capture of all Russia's means of defense, and the organization of Russian lands for Germany's profit—a proceeding which did not differ from 'annexation,' because the word itself was carefully avoided."

"Meanwhile those very Russians who had made military operations impossible found diplomacy impossible. Their representatives were compelled to proclaim that, while they refused to sign the treaty presented to them, they had no choice but to sign it; or they signed it, not knowing whether its true significance it meant peace or war, nor measuring the degree to which Russian national life was reduced by it to a shadow."

"For us of the Entente Governments the judgment which the free peoples of the world will pass on these transactions would never in doubt. Why waste time over German pledges when we see that at no period in her history of conquest—not when she overran Silesia nor when she partitioned Poland—has she exhibited herself so cynically as a destroyer of national independence, the implacable enemy of the rights of man and the dignity of civilized nations?"

"Poland, whose heroic spirit has survived the most cruel of national tragedies, is threatened with a fourth partition, and to aggravate her wrongs, devices by which the last trace of her independence is to be crushed are based on fraudulent promises of freedom."

"What is true of Russia and Poland is no less true of Rumania, overwhelmed like them in a flood of merciless passion for domination."

"Peace is loudly advertised, but under the disguise of verbal professions lurk the brutal realities of war and the untempered rule of a lawless force."

"Peace treaties such as these we do not and cannot acknowledge. Our own ends are very different."

"As incidents of this long war unfold themselves before our eyes, more and more clearly do we perceive that the battles for freedom are every-where interdependent, that no separate enumeration of them is needed and that in every case the single, but all-sufficient, appeal is to justice and right."

"Are justice and right going to win in so far as the issue depends on battle yet to come, the nations whose fate is in the balance may surely put their trust in the armies, which, even under conditions more difficult than the present, have shown themselves more than equal to the great cause entrusted to their valor."

U. S. LESS OF A MENACE THAN GERMANY OR JAPAN, SAYS BOLSHIEV PAPER

Believes America Would Supply Money, Arms, Locomotives and Engineers.

MOSCOW, March 19 (Associated Press).—The Izvestia, the official Government organ, characterizes President Wilson's message as "a document of the greatest political importance."

The editorial declares that the

BAKER PRAISES PERSHING'S WORK IN MAKING ARMY

War Secretary Makes Speech at American Headquarters in France.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN FRANCE, Monday, March 18 (Associated Press).—Concluding his journey along the American lines of communication, Secretary of War Baker spoke this morning at Gen. Pershing's headquarters after his first night's sleep in a house since starting on his trip of inspection.

Soon after breakfast the Secretary motored from the chateau to the building occupied by the staff, without an escort except for his aides, his entry being devoid of military display. After a short conference with Gen. Pershing, Secretary Baker made a tour of the building, spending a short time in each office, where the officer in charge explained in detail the work of his particular section. The Secretary thus familiarized himself with the work of the staff in the field, dealing with the troops at the front as well as in the training areas.

The entire Headquarters Staff was assembled then and the Secretary was introduced for a brief, informal address to the officers as the "nerve center of the organization."

"It was with a view to following the route of our troops and material along the lines of communication to the front that I began my tour with the ports of debarkation," said Mr. Baker. "To-day I have been through the busy offices of the General Staff and the administrative departments at headquarters. I have met the men who from this nerve center direct the organization which they have created."

"I appreciate how you would prefer to leave your desks for the front line, where you could see the direct result of your efforts against the enemy. But you at least are in France, in which you are the envy of those who are held at their desks in the same kind of work at home. Many of you are former students at Fort Leavenworth and the War College which has taken the place of study. The problems which you have to solve are no longer those of theory in the movement of imaginary forces, but of fact, in control of the supply and equipment of large bodies of troops in the greatest military undertaking of our history."

"The black band around the sleeve which is the emblem of the General Staff has become the symbol of great responsibility to the people at home and to the man in the trenches for accomplishing the maximum of efficiency in directing the resources at your command with the minimum cost of life, energy and the material."

United States is far less of a menace than Germany or Japan.

"With the United States," continues the Izvestia, "we could have misunderstandings, clashes and struggles, but also an agreement. With Germany and probably with Japan, if she could realize her devilish plan of an invasion of Siberia, we could have only a death struggle."

It declares that as soon as the Americans are convinced of the stability of the Soviet Government they will supply Russia with money, arms, locomotives and engineers to do away with economic disintegration and make possible the organization of a strong army.

President Wilson's message is a limited recognition of the Soviet Government, in the opinion of the non-Bolshevik and Conservative newspaper Komsomol. The message shows the determination of the United States not to interfere in Russian internal affairs, adds the newspaper.

German Troops Still Advancing in the Ukraine.

PETROGRAD, March 19 (United Press).—German forces have occupied Bachmatsh, Konotop and Voroshilov. Saxons troops are reported continuing toward Kursk and Charkoff. The local Soviet is evacuating Charkoff. The German movement is regarded as a "covering" campaign for Ukraine.

Soldiers and French Civilians Behind the Lines All Wearing Masks to Protect Them From German Gas



French soldiers and a French family of civilians who refused to leave their homes behind the lines in the Alsace sector, wearing gas masks supplied them by the French military authorities as protection against the deadly poison fumes of the invaders.

Your ambition to excel in your profession and your studious application in the time of peace, when we had a small army, have earned the gratitude of your country at a time when the most valuable asset we have is the well trained soldier in the prime of his manhood.

"Gen. Pershing has had the vision, the authority, the high organizing ability and the broad conception to make the most of your talent and industry in the results which have been so reassuring to me as Secretary of War. Your modesty, your willingness to learn from the traditions and technical experience of the allied armies, is in keeping with your soldierly realization that war is skill against skill, force against force, and that you are forming an army to fight against a most powerful, skillful foe, who allows nothing to divert him from the main essential."

Your plans have been commensurate with your tasks, your spirit in keeping with the inheritance which you have from Grant, Jackson, Lee and Sherman. While you have been building your structure you have been acting as instructors for our untrained forces, and signs are not wanting of your success in adapting our national character and seal to the end of victory."

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"WAR CABINET" IN SIGHT, WASHINGTON BELIEVES

Wilson Summons Hurley, Hoover, Garfield, Baruch, McCormick and McAdoo to Conference.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—A working "War Cabinet," in addition to his regular advisers, is expected to be quickly launched soon by President Wilson. With the passage of the Overman Emergency Bill it is expected that the President will show that in recent weeks he has heeded the call for greater concentration of war agencies.

In view of this, it is regarded as significant that he has summoned for a conference to-day, Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board, Food Administrator Hoover, Fuel Administrator Garfield, Chairman McCormick of the War Trade Board, Chairman Baruch of the War Industries Board and Director General of Railroads McAdoo.

These are the men that it has been expected the President would make his direct operating War Cabinet to sit with him in conference from time to time and to sit upon other occasions with members of his regular Cabinet—perhaps in the Council of National Defense.

Driver Whose Auto Killed Ex-Fire Marshal Convicted.

William Dornberg, driver of the automobile that ran down and killed ex-Fire Marshal Michael O'Sullivan last October, was convicted of violation of the highway laws to-day by a jury in Justice Crain's part of General Sessions. Dornberg was traced by a constable and part of an ex-civilian lens of O'Sullivan found on the car. He was punished under the section compelling drivers to report to the police after an accident, the penalty being from one to two years imprisonment.

SWISS SAY GERMANS POSTPONE OFFENSIVE, REVIVE PEACE TALK

Much Heralded Drive Is Delayed Indefinitely, While Teuton Moderates Counsel End of War.

LONDON, March 19.—A despatch from Bern says several Swiss newspapers give prominence to a report that the much heralded German offensive in the west has been definitely postponed.

The Geneva newspaper La Feuille remarks that peace talk has cropped up again in the Frankfurter Zeitung and other moderate organs.

2,000 GERMANS AIDED BOLSHIEVI IN SIBERIAN FIGHT

94,000 Teuton Prisoners East of Lake Baikal Trying to Get Arms.

LONDON, March 19.—Two thousand armed German prisoners enabled the Bolsheviks to defeat the non-Bolsheviks in the fight at Biagovskitchensk, capital of the Amur Province, Siberia, last Tuesday, according to a semi-official statement issued in Tokyo Sunday and transmitted by Reuters.

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A message to Reuters from Tientsin dated Saturday states that the Japanese War Minister, speaking in the House of Representatives, stated that there were 94,000 German prisoners east of Lake Baikal and 60,000 west of that point. Those in the east are beyond control and are trying to get arms. A thousand non-Bolshevik under Gen. Semenov are opposing the Maximalists east of Lake Baikal.

The Entente Allies may support Gen. Semenov, but his force is weak, while the Maximalists are growing in power and are obtaining arms and ammunition. Should the German prisoners become organized and support the Maximalists a serious situation will be created.

MISSOURI LEADS IN SALE OF WAR SAVING STAMPS

Total at End of February \$9,015,880, Per Capita Subscription \$2.54—New York Took \$7,907,764.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Missouri, with a total of \$9,015,880, leads the country in the sale of war savings stamps, according to the first detailed statement of the campaign issued by the National War Savings Committee. The statement, which includes sales from the beginning of the drive in December to the end of February, also shows the Missouri River States, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas, leading in the order named in per capita subscriptions. Maryland however advanced to second place in the per capita sales for the month of February alone, with New Mexico, Kansas and Missouri following in the order named.

The total and per capita sales for these States to the end of February follow: Nebraska, \$5,689,711.03, \$4.39; Missouri, \$9,015,880.00, \$2.54; Kansas, \$4,365,804.16, \$2.31; Maryland, \$2,012,971.75, \$2.13. New York's total and per capita sales were \$7,907,764.32 and \$2.73; Connecticut's \$1,091,076.39, \$4.81 and New Jersey's \$1,487,642.76 and \$4.47.

Senator Chamberlain Back in Senate After Illness.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, Chairman of the Senate Military Committee, returned to the Senate to-day, fully recovered from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, performed a month ago.

CHEMISTS REJECT FORMULA FOR 2 1-2 GAL. GASOLINE

Fighting for Freedom, However, "Inventor" Says He'll Yet Prove Worth of "Discovery."

Out at the repair shop of the City Fire Department, 12th Avenue and 56th Street, a man working feverishly on a formula to make gasoline with just plain water as the principal ingredient. On the success of his experiment depends in a large measure whether or not he will be released as a free man or have to stand trial on a charge of sedition.

The man is Dr. Louis Clement, who was arrested early last month on a charge of inducing a number of New Yorkers to invest their savings in the company for the manufacture of gasoline at a cost of about 25 cents per gallon.

Later, however, he told District Attorney Swann his formula was all he represented it to be and that if he could give bond he would prove it. The District Attorney had his bond reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000, which he gave.

When Dr. Clement has made the formula, according to his formula, he will then be asked to try it out in one of the big trucks of the Fire Department. The test, under the direction of Assistant District Attorney H. S. Renaud, also will be witnessed by the six chemists who have already reported to District Attorney Swann that they do not believe Clement can produce gasoline at anywhere near the cost he says they can.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH AS FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Mother, Terror Stricken, Flees House, Leaving Young Ones to Fate; Two Saved.

TRENTON, N. J., March 19.—Three children were burned to death early to-day when fire destroyed their home. Her cries attracted neighbors who rescued two other children, a boy two years old and a girl six years old.

The dead children—two boys and a girl—were three, four and seven years old respectively. Their bodies were found after the flames died down.

Mrs. Dalke was awakened when a lamp exploded and set fire to the bungalow. She ran screaming from the house. Her cries attracted neighbors who rescued two other children, a boy two years old and a girl six years old.

GIRL STUDENTS TO FARM

Carnegie Tech Young Women to Till Former Athletic Field.

PITTSBURGH, March 19.—Girl students of the Margaret Morrison School on the Carnegie Institute of Technology will farm a twenty-acre tract of land at Glenn Camp in the Allegheny Valley, near Garver's Ferry, Pa., this summer.

Glenn Camp is the site of the athletic camp where Carnegie Tech football teams have done their early fall training, but this year it will be turned over to the girl students for the production of food. The girls will work in four-week periods.

FRANCIS STILL AT VOLOGDA

Ambassador's Last Message Gave No Hint of Leaving.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Ambassador Francis was still at Vologda on Sunday, State Department cables said to-day. Butler Wright, Embassy attache, had started for Harbin, but Francis gave no indication of moving eastward himself.

Women Voting To-Day in State Senator Hill's District.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., March 19.—Women in the town of Union, Senator William H. Hill's home district, voted for the first time to-day and a spirited contest occurred over local officers. A heavy woman's vote was indicated.

U. S. IRISH TROOPS HONOR ST. PATRICK ON THE AMERICAN FRONT

All Had Hoped They Could Capture Germans in Honor of Saint's Day.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE Monday, March 18 (Associated Press).—Yesterday—St. Patrick's Day—Irishmen of a certain regiment serving in the Lunerville sector held an appropriate celebration. The men had entertained hopes that something would develop which would enable them to lay low or capture some Germans by way of celebration, but nothing out of the ordinary happened.

Last year on St. Patrick's Day these men held their celebration in —, and yesterday the remark most frequently heard was something like this:

"Well, this day last year I was strolling down —. Now I am strolling down the narrow way of duckboards, in the mud."

JUSTICE GOFF INSTRUCTS FUSION FUND GRAND JURY

Must Inquire as to General Conspiracy to Win the Election by Fraud.

Justice Goff this afternoon gave detailed instructions to the Special Grand Jury which is to investigate the finances of the Fusion organization in last fall's campaign for the reelection of John Pursey Mitchell as Mayor of New York. Justice Goff told the Grand Jurors that they should consider carefully evidence bearing on such questions as the following:

Whether corporations had violated the law through contributions to the Fusion fund.

Whether labor organizations or their officers had violated the law in the distribution of funds to influence votes.

Whether any member of any of the Fusion committees had violated the law by offering gifts in order to influence votes.

Whether there had been a general conspiracy to win the election by fraud.

The foreman of the Grand Jury is J. Sinclair Armstrong, No. 22 East 61st Street.

LOAN HONOR POSTERS OUT

Names of Subscribers to Liberty Issue To Be Attached.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Liberty Loan Honor Posters, to which will be attached the names of loan subscribers in each community were completed to-day, and will be distributed by the Treasury to each city and town and to organizations applying for them before the loan campaign starts, April 8.

The poster bears a design of the third Liberty Loan Honor Flag, a red bordered banner with white interior field carrying three vertical blue stripes, with these words: "Help our town to win the right to fly this flag. These are the people of our town who are helping to win the war by investing in Government bonds of the third Liberty Loan."

Wisconsin Candidates File Campaign Expense Accounts.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—In statements of primary campaign expenses filed by Wisconsin Senatorial candidates with the Senate to-day, Joseph E. Davies, Democrat, reported no contributions or expenses. Representative Lennox, Republican, reported a contribution of \$1,000 and expenditures of \$1,529. James Thompson, Republican, reported no contributions, expenses or "summers." Victor Briggs, Republican, reported a contribution of \$121 and expenditures of \$87.10 expenses, and Thompson reported no contributions and \$259 expenses.

255 FLIGHTS OVER GERMAN TERRITORY BY BRITISH PLANES

Only Ten Machines Lost, House of Commons Is Told.—Big German Losses.

LONDON, March 19.—J. I. MacPherson, member of Parliament, announced in the House of Commons to-day that in 255 flights over German territory, only ten British airplanes had been lost. He said more than a ton of bombs were dropped over Mannheim yesterday.

Mr. MacPherson said eight direct hits had been obtained on large plants at Mannheim. The British raiders were attacked by an enemy formation and two of the enemy machines were downed, the others being driven off. All the British returned.

The 255 flights, Mr. MacPherson explained, constituted 38 raids into Germany. The aviators dropped 45 tons of bombs. They had to surmount the difficulties presented by frost, snow, gales and heavy mist.

An official statement from the War Office says:

"A good visibility on Sunday enabled our aviators to increase their work in the air. The railway sidings at Somain and hostile rest billets on all parts of the front and three of the enemy's aerodromes were heavily bombed, a total of 101-2 tons of bombs being dropped. Over one of the aerodromes attacked a fierce encounter took place, as the result of which three hostile airplanes were destroyed, our own suffering no losses."

"During to-day eighteen German machines were downed, eight driven down out of control, and an observation balloon destroyed. Four of our machines are missing."

"Our night flying machines dropped five tons of bombs on two hostile aerodromes, one of which was occupied by large bombing machines, and also on a big ammunition dump northeast of St. Quentin and on billets in the neighborhood of Douai and Menin."

Berlin Says Twenty-Three Allied Planes Were Downed.

BERLIN (via London), March 19.—Twenty-three Allied airplanes and two captive balloons were brought down yesterday, the German War Office announced to-day.

It was stated also that reconnaissance in Flanders had resulted in taking 300 Belgian prisoners.

TUSCANIA FUNERAL FLAG TO BE SENT TO WILSON

Banner Hoisted at Burial of U Boat's Victims Was Made by Scotch Women.

LONDON, Sunday, March 17.—Hugh Manning, a Scotch laborer, took a prominent part in the relief of survivors and burial of the dead from the steamship Tuscania, has sent to the Associated Press an American flag made by Scotch women and used at all Tuscania funerals, with the request that it be sent to President Wilson for deposit in a museum to be selected by the President. With the flag is this inscription:

"An American flag made at Lally House, Feb. 7, 1918, and hoisted with the Union Jack at all funerals of Tuscania victims on the Scotch coast. The flag was made by Mary Armour, Florie Hall, Mary Cunningham, Jessie McLean, Catherine MacGregor and John McEugene, all on the island of Lally."

Lally House is the residence of Mr. Morrison, who gave the land for two of the Tuscania cemeteries.

DREYFUS LEFT \$5,000,000.

Banker's Widow Chief Beneficiary.—Hebrew Charities Remembered.

Rebecca D. Dreyfus, widow of Ludwig Dreyfus, of the firm of Goldman, Sachs & Co., bankers at 60 Wall Street, who died March 6, is the principal beneficiary in the estate of \$5,000,000, the will disposing of which was filed in the Surrogate's office to-day. Hebrew charities receive several bequests outright and a great deal more on the death of the widow. The residuary estate is divided among the United Hebrews' charities and funds for the support of Jewish philanthropic activities in New York.

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SIX IN OLD 69TH WIN WAR CROSS; FOUR OTHER NEW YORKERS DECORATED



Major William J. Donovan, First Battalion, 165th Infantry (old 69th New York), three other officers and four Sergeants have been cited for bravery under fire in French divisional and army corps orders, the citation carrying with it the Croix de Guerre.

The others honored are Lieut. Col. Matthew A. Tilly of Council Bluffs, Ia.; Lieut. Oscar L. Buck, New York; Lieut. W. Arthur Cunningham, Detroit, and Sergeants Spencer Russell, Abraham Blaustein, William J. Moore and Daniel O'Connell, New York.

Others decorated at the same time are Private Charles Jones, Sergt. Carl Kahn, Sergt. William Bailey and Private James Quickley, all of New York.

2 KILLED, 33 INJURED IN STORM AT FLYING FIELD

Brooklyn Man Loses Life When Unfinished Hangar Collapses at Naval Aviation Station Near Miami.

MIAMI, Fla., March 19.—Two men were killed and thirty-three were injured early to-day in the collapse of an unfinished hangar at the Naval Aviation Station, five miles south of here, during a storm.

Nine of the most seriously injured were brought to Miami for treatment. The others were given first aid on the grounds. The dead are Matthew Mullen of Brooklyn, and an unidentified man. About forty workmen, whites and negroes, were on the night shift rushing to complete the plant. They were working around a concrete mixer beneath the hangar when it collapsed.

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